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| IN RE APPLICATION OF: Edward Balassanian | EXAMINER: Tammara R. Peyton |
| APPLICATION NO.: 09/474,664 | ART UNIT: 2182 |
| FILED: December 29, 1999 | CONF. NO: 2537 |
| FOR: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA DEMULTIPLEXING** | |

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### Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1-34.  (Canceled)

35.  **(New)** A method in a computer system for processing a message having a sequence of packets, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of components, each component being a software routine for converting data with an input format into data with an output format;

for the first packet of the message,

identifying a sequence of components for processing the packets of the message such that the output format of the components of the sequence match the input format of the next component in the sequence; and